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## UNCLE SAM'S FOREST RANGERS - EPISODE NO. 523

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TIME

## PRODUCTION NOTES

## CHARACTERS

MARY

BESS

JIM

JERRY

JEFF

## CAST

LUCILE HUSTING

KATHERINE CARD

HARVEY HAYS

JOHN LARKIN

PHIL LORD

## SOUND

## REMARKS

MASTER Attached as broadcast:

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LUCILE HUSTING

KATHERINE CARD

SYAH YEHVAH

WILLIAM WHOL

PHIL LORD



1. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers!

2. MUSIC: THEME

3. ANNOUNCER: I guess we've all wondered from time to time what a

4. young man thinks about as he prepares to take up arms

5. for his country in Uncle Sam's fighting forces. Well,

6. we've discovered what one man in particular thought about

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8. it in the form of a letter to his local newspaper and,

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11. protected while we are away, so we may return to our

12. heritage of green forests, clear streams, and a fine

13. abundance of game and fish as we again resume our normal

14. lives under our democratic ways of living," end of quote.

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16. his country's forests in his heart. We wish him speedy

17. victory and a safe return... to an American that will take

18. care of its natural resources. And now, to the Pine

19. Cone Ranger Station where on a February mid-morning we

20. find Ranger Jim Robbins, his wife Bess, and his assistant

21. Jerry Quick talking about Pete Ramey, one of Jim's former

22. forest guards, who has just been reported missing in

23. overseas action.... Here they are....

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4. young men we've ever had here on the Forest.  
5. JERRY: Aw now, wait. What d'ya mean, was? Just 'cause Pete's  
6. been reported missing doesn't mean he's dead. He could  
7. be a prisoner of war, couldn't he?  
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11. woodsman as anyone could hope for. Take those pine  
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15. be taking this terribly hard. And his mother, too. She  
16. hasn't been very well lately, you know.  
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18. too. And don't forget, there's Bobby, Pete's youngster.  
19. The kid'll feel it more'n anybody if his Dad don't come  
20. back home.  
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22. was born, didn't she?  
23. BESS: Yes, Jerry.  
24. JERRY: And now the kid's all alone. 'Cept his grandparents  
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7. wait a while. (SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS OFF) H-m-m, sounds  
8. like someone's comin'.

9. JERRY: It's Mary. What's she doing here this time of day?  
10. DOOR OPENS AND CLOSSES

11. BESS: Mary! Aren't you teaching school today?  
12. MARY: (WORRIED) Hello everybody.  
13. JIM: Hello, Mary.

14. JERRY: Something's wrong. What is it, Mary? ... Here, sit down,  
15. and tell us what's worryin' you.

16. MARY: You've heard about Peter Ramey?  
17. JIM: Yes. We were just talkin' about him, Mary.

18. BESS: Mary! There's more news?  
19. MARY: No. Not about Peter. But I rushed over here from  
20. school to tell you about his son, Bobbie, and about  
21. Peter's father.

22. JIM: What's happened, Mary?  
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think you ought to go see him today?

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JERRY:

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MARY:

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JIM:

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MARY:

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school to tell you about his son, Bobbie, and about

Peter's father.

JIM:

What's happened, Mary?



1. MARY: Well, Bobby came to school as usual this morning, but  
2. I could see he'd been crying...but I decided not to  
3. say anything as long as he seemed to be bearing up all  
4. right. And, for a seven-year old, I must say he was  
5. doing splendidly.

6. BESS: I think you were right not to say anything, Mary. The  
7. child shouldn't be reminded about.....

8. JIM: You mentioned old Jeff, Mary. What about him?

9. MARY: Well I missed Bobby during the morning recess. One of  
10. the children said she saw him go toward the wood shed  
11. so I went out there myself and there was Bobby back in  
12. the corner, crying as though his little heart was breaking.

13. JIM: Go on, Mary.

14. MARY: I tried to calm him by telling him his father was only  
15. missing and there was a good chance he'd be home again  
16. some day, but I found out that what the child was most  
17. worried about right then was his grandpa.

18. JIM: Worried about Jeff? Why?

19. MARY: It seems that when Bobby got up this morning his grandpa  
20. had already left the house, with an axe in his hand,  
21. according to Mrs. Ramey.

22. JERRY: With an axe? What the dickens does that mean?  
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1. MARY: Bobby said his grandpa hadn't even come back for  
2. breakfast and his grandma was crying and he begged me  
3. to not let his grandpa go off some where and not come  
4. back, like his daddy did....

5. JERRY: Gosh!

6. BESS: Jim, you've got to do something. You've got to go over  
7. to the Ramey place right now.

8. MARY: I wish you would, Mr. Robbins. I turned Bobby over to  
9. another teacher and came right over here. But now I've  
10. got to go back to the school house. You'll see about  
11. Mr. Ramey won't you, Mr. Robbins?

12. JIM: Of course I will, Mary. You go on back and tell Bobby  
13. everything's goin' to be all right, Mary.... Come on, Jerry.

14. BESS: I'm going too, Jim. I'm thinking Mrs. Ramey needs  
15. some one (FADE) to look after her too.

16. PAUSE:

17. JERRY: (FADE IN) It sure was a good thing Mrs. Robbins came  
18. along, Jim.

19. JIM: Yeah. Mrs. Ramey was mighty close to collapsing, I guess  
20. but Bess'll take care of her all right.

21. JERRY: I couldn't make out who Mrs. Ramey was more worried about -  
22. Pete or his father.

23. JIM: A combination of both, I'd say, Jerry. I gotta admit I'm  
24. gettin' a bit concerned about Jeff, myself. Of course  
25. he's got a sizable place here and we haven't covered all  
of it yet, but.....





1. JERRY: There wasn't a sign of him in the big pasture or in  
2. those north woods, either. Maybe we'd better get some  
3. more men and really scour those woods, huh, Jim?  
4. JIM: May have to, Jerry, but I wanta try just one more  
5. place first.  
6. JERRY: Where's that?  
7. JIM: That grove of pines up ahead, Jerry.  
8. JERRY: I get it. The pines that Pete planted... Say that's  
9. right, Jim. That'd be just the place the old man would  
10. head for if he was plannin' to... to...  
11. JIM: (GRUFFLY) If he was plannin' to what, Jerry?  
12. JERRY: Aw now, don't get me wrong, Jim. But you gotta admit  
13. it looks kinda bad when a fellow like Pete's father...  
14. You know how fond he was of Pete...when he goes off early  
15. in the morning with nothin' but an axe and doesn't show  
16. up for meals or anything...  
17. JIM: Cut it out, Jerry. Whatever Jeff thought, it wasn't  
18. what you're thinking.  
19. JERRY: I sure hope you're right, Jim... Wait! What's that?  
20. SOUND OF AXE OFF, SUSTAIN  
21. JIM: Sounds like an axe to me, Jerry...Yep, there's old  
22. Jeff - see him over there, back in those pines, Jerry?...  
23. Old Jeff Ramey at the light end of an axe, swingin'  
24. away like mad.  
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1. JERRY: Yeah. He's okay then... But look, Jim, those pines!!  
 2. Man alive, he's ruining that pine grove. Cuttin' all  
 3. those young trees that Pete planted.  
 4. JIM: I guess Jeff must be thinking they're Japs he's  
 5. sockin' away at. (SERIOUS) But you're right, Jerry.  
 6. He's in a frame of mind to do a lot of damage without  
 7. realizing it.... I don't like to interfere with what a  
 8. man does on his own place but I reckon we better say  
 9. something to him, Jerry. (FADE) Come on. He sees us....  
 10. PAUSE  
 11. FADE IN SOUND OF AXE, SUSTAIN CHOPPING THROUGH CONVERSATION  
 12. JEFF: (WITH GRUNTS - TIRED) Seems to me, Jim, you could do  
 13. better takin' care of your timber sales on the Pine Cone  
 14. Forest instead of takin' time to bother with an old man  
 15. like me. There's a war on, and they're needin' timber  
 16. bad. You oughta know that!!  
 17. JIM: Well, it seems to me, Jeff, you could be a mite more  
 18. polite with an old friend like me and chat a while without  
 19. keepin' on swingin' away at those young pines.  
 20. JEFF: Pete..he....he wasn't so old himself, and they cut him down,  
 21. 'pears like.  
 22. JERRY: You mustn't believe Pete's gone, Mr. Ramey. You mustn't.  
 23. Missing in action isn't the same as...as killed in  
 24. action.  
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1. JEFF: They got my Pete, oneway or another. And I reckon  
2. this is about the only way I can get some solid licks  
3. in.  
4. JIM: I understand, Jeff. They took your boy. And now you're  
5. taking Pete's pine trees...this timber here that Pete  
6. planted himself and took care of through the years...  
7. You're cuttin' it down figurin' that's the best way  
8. you can get even for whatever mighta happened to Pete, huh?  
9. JEFF: Put it any way you like, Jim. I gotta do what I see  
10. right to do.  
11. JIM: Okay, Jeff. I guess we might as well go along, Jerry....  
12. No, wait. I got just one more thing to say, Jeff.  
13. What you're doin' here, cuttin' all these young pines  
14. down before their time....  
15. JEFF: Pete was cut down 'fore his time, wasn't he?  
16. JIM: What I was goin' to say was this, Jeff. (SLOWLY) I  
17. don't think Pete would agree to this. I don't think  
18. he'd like it very much, wherever he is... Come on, Jerry.  
19. AXE SOUNDS OUT  
20. JEFF: Wait a minute, Jim. What d'ya mean, Pete wouldn't like it?  
21. JIM: Jeff, I reckon I don't have to tell you how close your  
22. boy, Pete, and I were...  
23. JEFF: I know Pete thought a heap of you, Jim.  
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1. JIM: We used to talk about this pine grove here quite a  
2. lot, Pete and me, Jeff.  
3. JEFF: I know, Jim, and I'm not forgettin' what good friends  
4. you and my boy was but...  
5. JIM: Seems to me that Pete figured all along he was growing  
6. this pine forest for his son, Bobby. Pete used to tell  
7. me these pine trees growing up here oughta help Bobby  
8. have easler sailing than he did, as far as schooling  
9. and the like is concerned. I... well, I'm surprised  
10. you didn't know that, Jeff, about Pete's plans for  
11. Bobby and all, and how much he was counting on these  
12. pines.  
13. JEFF: (VERY WEARY) I knew it, Jim. I knew it... I guess I  
14. just...well I kinda forgot. These are Bobby's trees,  
15. aren't they? I had no right to lay an axe to 'em.  
16. JIM: (GENTLY) Jerry and I went through your north woods, Jeff,  
17. tryin' to find you. There's some fine big timber in  
18. those woods, Jeff.  
19. JERRY: Sure, Mr. Ramey. Some of it's ready for cutting right  
20. now and it'd help out a lot more in the war than this  
21. little stuff....  
22. JEFF: (WEARY) I guess I kinda went off the handle, Jim. When  
23. I heard about Pete, though, I reckon I didn't realize  
24. what I was doin'. All I could think about was what they  
25. did to my boy and somehow I came straight on here and ...  
well, this is all dadgummed spite, Jim, that's what it is...  
I gotta admit it...





1. JIM: Shucks, I understand, Jeff.
2. JEFF: My wife and me... we've still got little Bobby anyway,
3. ain't we? And like you say, there is a chance Pete's
4. all right, too...
5. JERRY: Sure there is, Mr. Ramey, a swell chance....
6. JEFF: Maybe I can make this up to Bobby some way, cuttin'
7. his trees down. I'll help him plant some more trees or
8. something. That'll make it all right, won't it, Jim?
9. JIM: Sure it will, Jeff. Now, what do you say? Ready to come
10. back to the house with us? Bess is there and it's about
11. time you got some grub under that belt of yours.
12. JEFF: Sure, Jim, sure...I'd be obliged to you, Jim, if you'd
13. let me take your arm to lean on, kinda.
14. JIM: All right, Jeff. That's it! ..... Jerry, you bring
15. the axe, will you?
16. JERRY: Okay, Jim.
17. JEFF: I...I reckon I'm just an old fool, Jim, forgettin'
18. little Bobby that way and hackin' down those young pines
19. of his...
20. JIM: Forget it, Jeff. What you need is some hot food like
21. I said.....
22. JEFF: I'm not hungry, Jim. No, I ain't hungry at all. The
23. matter with me is I'm tired, Jim, (FADE) awful tired...





1. MUSICAL FINALE

2. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you each week  
3. during the National Farm and Home Hour as a network  
4. presentation with the cooperation of the Forest Service,  
5. United States Department of Agriculture.

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